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ONE PAPER

In the HOME is worth a dozen in the byway, and just remember THE DEMOCRAT is the home paper of Mercer County.

MOST

Destructive Fire in Recent Years Results in Total Destruction Palmer & Miller Elevator.

Fire of unknown origin shortly after midnight last Monday night completely destroyed the large elevator and warehouse of the Palmer & Miller Grain Co., just east of the Cincinnati Northern tracks on West Logan street, entailing a loss, estimated at \$40,000, and covered by only \$22,000 insurance.

The blaze was discovered about 12:15 by Ray Casteel, South Mill street, while on his way home. He called the fire department and the ladder made a hurried run, but handicapped by low water pressure at the outlet, while the flames were fanned by a heavy wind, made their task of saving the building out of the question. The fact that the building was covered with sheet iron kept the flames enclosed but at the same time made it impossible to get under control.

The large lumber yards of the P. Kuntz & Hefz Co., and the coal and hay sheds of the Model Milling Co. were both threatened and five strings of hose were laid by the ladders.

The interior of the high elevator shaft became a veritable inferno and the iron sheeting one molten mass.

While the destruction of the building was a heavy loss, the contents, including large quantities of grain, awaiting shipment, caused the biggest loss to the company.

The storage bins were filled to overflowing, owing to inability to get cars to move the grain.

The contents included over 5000 bushels of wheat, 4500 bushels of corn, 5000 bushels of oats, 300 bushels of clover seed, two car loads of Polar Bear flour, two car loads of mill feed, and a carload of bran, the latter being received and unloaded by the company on Monday, after it had been on the road for six weeks.

A quantity of the wheat, oats and corn can probably be dried sufficiently to be used as feed.

Besides the grain, a new Ford automobile, the property of Frank Casteel, employed at the elevator, and a new convertible Ford tractor, demonstrated here during the Auto show last week, the property of Perry Miller, a member of the firm, were also destroyed.

Following the first shock occasioned by their heavy loss, Messrs. Palmer and Miller announced Tuesday morning that they would immediately begin plans for rebuilding. They will erect one of the largest and most up-to-date elevators in this section of the state.

Tuesday afternoon they had already begun the clearing away of the debris, and will erect a temporary building, adjoining the office, the only portion of the old building, which included their scales, that was saved from the flames.

Work of moving the grain was also begun Wednesday morning. Fire is still smoldering underneath this and Fire Chief Weber is compelled to keep a couple of firemen on duty at the scene all the time. Two lines of hose have been kept in use to prevent an outbreak of the flames.

While the origin of the fire is unknown, Deputy Fire Marshal Jenkins, of Van Wert, after an examination of the flour storage room in which the fire seemed to have originated, announced that in his opinion the blaze was due to defective wiring.

WILLSHIRE

ALSO HARD HIT BY DESTRUCTION OF HER ELEVATOR BY FIRE —RECENTLY RESULT

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the large elevator of the Willshire Grain company, at Willshire, Van Wert county, Wednesday evening, entailing a loss estimated at \$40,000. The principal stockholders of the company are the Behmer Brothers, of Rockford.

The elevator was packed to its utmost capacity with wheat, corn and oats. The building was fully insured, but the grain was only lightly insured, the quantity on hand being exceptionally large owing to inability to move the grain because of the car shortage. Many farmers in the northwest end of the county were interested financially in the company.

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The matter is being investigated and the Mayor will likely dish out some unappreciated presents if the evidence can be adduced to substantiate the stories.

ASKS IF WOMEN ARE PEOPLE

Boston, March 26.—The senate today adopted a resolution, asking the supreme court to decide whether women are "people," within the meaning of the act passed last year, calling for a constitutional convention. The act provided that the new constitution should be submitted to the "people" for ratification.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF DRYS TO MEET APRIL 2

The executive committee of the Mercer county Dry Federation will meet at the new headquarters, rooms 6 and 7 Richardson building, on Monday, April 2, at 2 p. m. All members urged to be present.

FINED \$10 FOR RASIN' H— IN GENERAL

Elmer Palmer was arrested last Tuesday evening by Night Policeman Heistman, on an affidavit filed by his step-father, Joshua Byrley, charging assault and battery. Palmer, it is stated broke up furniture, struck his mother and in the melee to subdue him he broke three of his step-father's ribs. He pleaded guilty before Mayor Scranton, Wednesday morning, and was fined \$10 and costs and sentenced to 30 days in the Dayton workhouse. He's going to settle.

HANDLED TO SERIOUS OFFENDER

H. A. Masters, of Ohio City, was arrested by Marshal Duncan last Tuesday afternoon on complaint of John Kyle, who charged Masters with assault and battery. Some money and two pints of whisky were found on his person.

He was found guilty after a hearing before Mayor Scranton and was fined \$10 and costs and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

WITH CITY FATHERS

Council met in regular session last Tuesday evening with all members present but Heidersdorfer and with Mayor Scranton presiding.

Mart Niebo's, living west of the Cincinnati Northern railroad on the Franklin pike complained of a ditch that was causing him some trouble. He wanted the council to give him relief. The matter was referred to the sewer committee.

Chairman Rentsch of the Finance Committee, reported unfavorable on the summer band concerts for the coming season, owing to the lack of running funds of the town, and consequently the town this summer will be minus the weekly concerts, which for several years past have been pleasing Thursday evening diversion for old and young. The action will also result in the disbanding of the Celina Band.

Chairman Desch, of the Sewer Committee reported the selecting of the following disinterested free holders of the town to make the assessment on the East Side storm sewer: T. J. Blake, Philip Heidersdorfer and C. P. Schuck.

Council then passed a resolution authorizing the committee to proceed to make the assessment.

The mayor and clerk were authorized to enter into a contract with Frank W. Miller for sprinkling village portion of streets the coming summer for the sum of \$75.00.

The street committee was authorized to have the outlet of the Main street sewer cleaned out as far down stream as Beaver.

Stirred by the disastrous fire at the Palmer & Miller elevator, council unanimously passed a motion made by Councilman Carlin and seconded by Councilman Rentsch instructing Solicitor Johnson to draw a resolution for passage at the next meeting authorizing the sale of \$10,000 worth of bonds for the purchase of a motor fire truck and the installation of a fire alarm system.

Owing to the failure of the legislature to pass the Sunday appropriation bill, which carried \$3,000 for the south end park improvement, the matter of clearing up this unsightly hole was dismissed for the present.

CRANKIN'

Harold Grothman, one of the bookkeepers at the furniture factory, had several bones broken in his right hand, while attempting to crank an Oakland automobile last Sunday afternoon.

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LEGISLATURE

Finally Adjourns—G.O.P. Yields to Executive Budget, But Prevents Passage Sundry Laws.

Columbus, O., March 27.—Rather than concede ought to either side, the partisans of the general assembly adjourned sine die last night without making any appropriations for their own salaries for 1918 or allowing any claims against the state.

Led by Representative Reighard, of Fulton, their floor leader, the republicans refused to furnish the requisite two-thirds majority for the bill, which carried in round numbers more than \$500,000.

By Only Three Votes

Fourteen of the minority party refused to follow the decree and voted with the majority. Their added strength was not sufficient, and the bill failed of passage by three votes only. Thereafter all efforts at compromise failed.

The majority party refused to make any concession and the minority refused to ask for a reconsideration of the bill without them. Instead, the leadership exerted pressure upon those who had voted affirmatively and brought some of them into line, thus checking further desertions.

When after a conference with the governor the resolution to wind up business was placed in the hands of Representative James Reynolds, of Cleveland, 21 republicans opposed it. In the senate the conditions were reversed. There the democrats did wish to adjourn, but were defeated by a bi-partisan combination which included all the republicans. Senator E. G. Lloyd, the democratic finance chairman, even tried to get a roll call upon the motion from his own floor leader, Miller, of Licking, calling for final cessation, but Lieutenant Governor Earl Bloom vetoed the thing through.

Will Be Pinched

While over a half million dollars is thus kept in the treasury, some of the state department will be pinched, especially the state industrial commission, the Kent Normal School and the state parks and lakes. The legislators themselves will not be able to get any salary for 1918 unless there is called a special session to appropriate it.

Nor can the state put into commission the new state securities bureau to succeed the blue sky department in the state superintendent of banks office.

Young Priest Honored

Last Sunday was a gala day in local Catholic circles and a happy event for the family of John Pax, living just southwest of town, the occasion being the celebration of a First Solemn High Mass at the immaculate Conception church by Rev. Father George Pax, ordained to the priesthood at Carthage on the 19th inst.

The young priest, after being escorted from the Priest House, by the Catholic Boys Band, and the members of the various church societies and orders, was met at the door of the church by his cousin, Miss Emma Pax, who after a brief and pleasing address of congratulation presented him with a pretty floral wreath.

Father Pax then ascended the altar, where he celebrated his first Solemn High Mass, assisted by Rev. Didicus Brackman, D. D., of St. Charles Seminary, as deacon, and Rev. Leo Spornhauer, ordained last year, as sub-deacon. The local pastor, and assistant Revs. George Hindelang and Ernest Hefele, also assisted at the Mass. A very appropriate and well delivered sermon was given by Father Brackman.

After the church services the clergy and relatives and friends of the celebrant went to the John Pax home, where a sumptuous dinner was served, followed by short address by Revs. Pax, Hindelang and Spornhauer.

In the evening Father Pax closed the day's festivities by conducting solemn vespers assisted by Revs. Spornhauer, Hindelang and Hefele.

Pike Work to Be Sold

County Surveyor Hinton is advertising the sale of the following pikes for next Friday, April 6:

Mauer Road Improvement, in Liberty township; length, 7,920 lineal feet.

Bauer Road Improvement, in Liberty township; length, 10,675 lineal feet.

Trissel Road Improvement, in Liberty township; length, 13,200 lineal feet.

Miller-Springer Road Improvement in Jefferson township; length 6,118 lineal feet.

DAN CUPID VICTIMS

The Lima Daily News of Wednesday contains a list of the following marriages: Emma Freddie Harmon, 26, Celina, and Elizabeth Todd, 18, cigar maker, Lima.

Harmon formerly lived in this city, but for a few years past has been working at Lima.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Enoch D. Davis, 21, farmer, Mendon, son of Philander Davis, and Bernice Small, 27, housekeeper, Mendon, daughter of Ome Small. Rev. Gottschall.

FOR SALE

Town Property—Vacant lot and good buggy.—Call at 619 North Sugar street. 48-51.

NEW RATES

FOR LIGHT AND WATER ADAPTED BY BOARD OF AFFAIRS AT MEETING TUESDAY

At a meeting of the Board of Public Affairs last Tuesday night the following new schedules of water rates and electric power rates were adopted. The water rates are effective May 1, and the electric power rates are effective April 20.

WATER RATES
Domestic Flat Rate
Domestic use, including kitchen sink and outside hydrants, \$6.00 per year.

Toilets, \$3.00 each, per year.
Water motor, including bath, &c., \$3.00 per year.

Water Rates
Less than 50,000 gallons, 15 cents per thousand gallons; 50,000 to 100,000 gallons, 12 cents; 100,000 to 200,000 gallons, 10 cents.

Minimum charge \$6.00 per year.
ELECTRIC POWER RATES
Less than 100 kilowatts, 3 1/2 cents per kilowatt.

100 to 200 kilowatts, 3 1/2 cents.
200 to 300 kilowatts, 3 cents.
300 to 400 kilowatts, 2 1/2 cents.
400 to 500 kilowatts, 2 1/2 cents.
500 to 100 kilowatts 2 1/2 cents.

1000 kilowatts and over 2 cents.
Minimum charge, \$1.00 per month.

The Board also instructed Clerk Petrie to advertise for bids for water line extensions on West Logan street, and Goffy avenue, and for replacing the soft water line from the reservoir to the plant; also for a new engine of 300 horse-power capacity, belt driven, and a direct connected engine and generator of like capacity.

SHERIFF
T OBE HIGH DOG CATCHER UNDER NEW LICENSE LAW JUST PASSED

Dog legislation, the bane of law-makers for many years, is probably disposed of for a few years by the passage of the dog license law, framed by George H. Platt of Ashland, and redrafted by a committee from the Ohio humane societies, the state grange and the two houses.

The trouble always has been to find the man who was to slaughter the homeless, vagrant canines. The Platt bill makes that duty a part of the work of the sheriff in each county.

In addition to all other honors, the sheriff has been handed another and startling duty. He is the custodian of the county dog pound; he is the county dog catcher.

How well that responsibility will be received by the sheriffs will be revealed the next time the Ohio Sheriffs Association holds its session. The dog duty will not be mentioned in the proceedings, you can bet on that.

For forty years Ohio lawmakers have struggled with dog laws. They have been prepared, passed, found valueless or objectionable and repealed. Law books and court records show a number of murders over efforts to make dog laws effective. Men won't stand for any one, official or otherwise about with a law after a favorite dog. It spells trouble and the sheriffs will find out how much.

The old law made the dog tax a lien on realty where the dog loathed. The New York Central lines paid \$800 dog taxes one year in the state because coal miners, living in their company houses, kept dogs. The road had to pay.

In Scioto county years ago one tax assessor grew Solomon in his wisdom in locating dog homes. A dozen dogs loathed in the street, but residents denied ownership. Then he grew active. He threw stones at the dogs, chased each one home. When a dog would pick out a house, run up on the porch, turn about and bark at the tax man down went the dog as property of the man at that house. And it stuck in law.

The assessor said no dog would adopt a porch of a strange house and try to defend it. The court agreed. The tax stuck.

In one of the large cities, a tax assessor lost his mind while trying to fix values. He put a dog in every home in a ward where people were sore on dogs. The dog notices went out and the whole ward took a day off and nearly precipitated a riot at the court house. The tax assessor meantime had been taken to the hospital, but the county officials had to undo the work he had spread over the ward so generously.

Now it is all changed. The dog catcher of each county is the lord high sheriff. The dogs may well beware.

The following district school teachers were re-employed at a meeting of the Jefferson township Board of Education last Friday evening.

Albert Malick, District No. 1; Goldie Enyart, District No. 5; Cora Griffith, District No. 6; Ralph Jordan, District No. 7; Edna Kerns, District No. 8; Dee Young, District No. 10.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, of South Buckeye street was called to Leipsic, the first of the week on account of the illness of her brother.

ATTENTION

Property-Owners Called to New Tax Law—Listing and Valuing Personal Property.

Each property owner is responsible under the new law for his personal property tax return.

He should not depend upon the assessor calling upon him. The return must be filled out, all questions answered, and sworn to before an assessor, assistant assessor, county auditor, deputy county auditor, mayor, justice of the peace, township clerk or notary public, and filed in the County Auditor's office on or before May 1st.

An assessor may swear any property owner regardless of the territory in which he lives.

All property must be listed at its true value in money, the property owner taking credit for the one hundred dollar exemption from the total in the line provided for this purpose and must not make the deduction from any single item of the return.

If the property owner fails to make return by May 1st, then the assessor will call, and as a penalty the property owner suffers the loss of his one hundred dollar exemption and may be further liable to a fifty per cent. penalty.

What Property is Taxable
All personal property, of whatever description, money, credits investments in bonds, stocks, or otherwise, shall be listed for taxation at the true value thereof in money, except only such as is specifically exempted by law.

The new tax law is in effect. In order to comply with its requirements let every lady or gentleman who owns or controls taxable property get a blank on or about April 9th and return his or her personal property at full value. Also add the costs of new buildings or additions. Neither the Auditor nor Board of Revision will make any changes on your papers if you make a just return.

The Auditor and his deputies are at your command to assist or advise whenever called upon.

The personal property blanks and instructions can be secured by any one at any of the following places:

Dublin township—Rockford Bank; Jacob Toombs and Jacob Shingledecker, assessors.

Union township—Mendon Bank, J. B. Maurer's store; T. R. Nichols and E. L. Wright, assessors.

Marion township—Chickasaw Bank, Mescher's Store; Vincent Leichteit, Frank Feltz and Frank Nickamp, assessors.

Recovery township—Ft. Recovery Bank; Jacob Anthony and Theodore Schenking, assessors; John Leiser.

Center township—Williams Store and Hall Stores, Neptune; Ferd Dick, assessor.

Blackrock township—Geo. Hill; J. E. Snyder, assessor; J. J. Carr, T. clerk.

Granville township—St. Henry and Burkettville Banks; J. T. Wildenhaus; Henry Meinerding and Hosea Birt, assessors; John Seitz.

Washington township—Perry Knox, assessor; Mary Wellman's Store; Maceodon Store.

Butler township—Peoples Bank; Sam Redman, assessor; Philohea Store.

Jefferson township—Warren Trench, assessor; Auditor's office; J. A. Roemer Co.

Liberty township—J. F. Meyers, assessor; Chittanooga Bank; Mat Schmitt; Hinton Store, Dublin Store.

Franklin township—W. O. Monroe, assessor; Hue's store; Ben Huelman.

Hopewell township—R. G. Clark, assessor; Shively's store.

Gibson township—Ft. Recovery Bank; Wm. Thaler, assessor; Aloys Reichert, Sharpshooters; Wendelin Store.

J. F. STEINBRUNNER,
County Auditor.

COLORED PEOPLE

Took House by Storm in Rendition of "Joe, the Wolf" by Wabash Comedy Ko.

A fairly large audience was present at the presentation of "Joe, the Wolf" by the Wabash Comedy Ko., and the general opinion was that the best play ever put on in the Wabash Opera-house.

Ralpa Meyer and Edna Strabley, as Adonis and Patsy (colored), kept the house in an uproar, while the heavier dramatic parts were handled in fine shape by Miss Grace Huntwork, as Joe, the orphan girl; Zura Walter, as Harry, her lover; H. Day as Mr. Roberts, while Mrs. Roberts and her son, Mr. Rudolph, played by Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Larue, handled the scheming, villainous parts to the satisfaction of every one present.

Owing to the bad weather and the almost impossible condition of the roads scores of the friends of the company found it impossible to attend the show, and they have received dozens of requests from these people, as well as a large number of those present, to put the show on again. The company had no intention of reproducing the play, but under the circumstances, after due consideration, it has decided to do so.

There will be no change from the original program except new specialties. dear in mind a week play will not stand repeating, while a first-class one improves each time it is presented. If you have any doubts about "Joe, the Wolf" being a first class play, ask your friends who have seen it.

This play will be presented at the Wabash opera house Saturday night, March 31. Programs free at entrance and the admission 10 and 20 cents.

MISSING BOY FOUND IN STRANGE MANNER

A list of the wounded published by the British army in France contains the name of Lee Murlin, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mount Murlin of Mercer county, who several months ago instituted a world-wide search for him. He is enrolled as a corporal in the British signal corps.—Toledo News-Bee.

Court Matters

Huldah Bricker, through her attorney, C. A. Stubbs, yesterday filed suit in partition against Rachel J. Hole et al. The property in question is described as follows: The west half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Jefferson township. Plaintiff claims title to said undivided one-seventh part of said property as a daughter and one of the heirs-at-law of the late Jane Hole.

The case of Barnett & High to have been heard in Common Pleas Court here yesterday, has been re-assigned for next Thursday, April 5, owing to the fact that several witnesses could not be present yesterday.

POISONED

WEINERWURST, SATURATED WITH STRYCHNINE, PICKED UP BY LITTLE ONE

A good sized piece of weinerwurst, heavily saturated with strychnine, came mighty near taking the life of the little four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goggin yesterday morning.

Early yesterday morning a little fox terrier belonging to the Goggins, died suddenly, presumably from poison. Sometime later the youngster, presumably worrying about his pet dog's absence ran into the backyard in search of the canine. Mrs. Goggin watched the tot to see what he would do and luckily noticed him pick from the ground the piece of weiner.

She hastened to his side and took him morsel from him just as he was about to place it, child like, into his mouth. Her suspicions were at once aroused as the family had used no weinerwurst, and a chemical analysis of the weiner revealed the presence of strychnine in a very large quantity.

Mrs. Isaac Hainline Stricken
Mrs. Isaac Hainline, aged 65 years, well known resident of Center township, residing south of Neptune, sustained a severe stroke of paralysis, affecting her entire left side, about six o'clock Wednesday morning. Her husband, who was in an adjoining room heard her fall to the floor and found her unconscious.

A physician was hurriedly summoned and lent medical assistance. She regained consciousness Wednesday morning, but is in a very precarious condition, with hardly any hopes of recovery. Her family has been summoned to her bedside.

SAVING

Seed Potatoes By Using Cones with Eyes Three-fourths of Flesh Can Be Used for Cooking

The cost of seeding Irish potatoes can be greatly reduced, if the garden specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture point out, if, instead of using a whole potato for planting, the gardener will cut out from potatoes cone-shaped pieces of flesh, each containing an eye of the potato. In this way only from one-fourth to one-fifth of the flesh of the potato will be needed to provide